Connecting with Elwha River Restoration Olympic National Park Washington



Opportunities to connect with Elwha River Restoration await your discovery. The largest dam removal in United States history began September 2011.

When Elwha and Glines Canyon dams are removed, and the river is free flowing, Pacific salmon and other migratory fish will return to more than 70 miles of spawning habitat. Over 100 species of wildlife will benefit from the increase in salmon, reconnecting vital links between mountains, forests, river and sea. The returning salmon and restored river will renew the culture of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, who have lived along the river since time immemorial. Tribal members will have access to sacred sites now inundated and cultural traditions can be reborn. The NPS and the Tribe are primary partners on this project.



Elwha Vallev

Experience Elwha valley with its spectacular river views and easy access to Madison Falls and other trails



Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center Enjoy vistas of the Elwha valley and surrounding mountain ranges.



Elwha Dam Viewpoint

Stroll on the short trail to an overlook where you can witness dam removal and ecosystem restoration.



Olympic National Park Visitor Center

View exhibits and ask a ranger for maps, brochures and Elwha River Restoration updates.



Where can you learn more about the Elwha River Restoration?

Lake Aldwell Viewpoint

Observe the disappearing Lake Aldwell reservoir framed by the expansive Elwha watershed.



Museum at the Carnegie

Learn about the historic Elwha valley, including Glines Canyon and Elwha dams, through informative exhibits.



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Center

Walk along the 0.7-mile Warrior Path loop to the scenic Elwha River estuary.



Fiero Marine Life Center

Interact with Elwha exhibits that feature a hands-on model of Glines Canyon Dam and Lake Mills.

Elwha Online

Check in frequently at the Olympic National Park website at www.nps.gov/olym/ -- click on 'Elwha River Restoration' background information, our dam removal blog and a link to all six Elwha River Restoration webcams. The park's website also features short web videos to highlight the progress and people of Elwha River Restoration.





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